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New York
5/21/47
21 Feb 1947
27 Feb 1947

Polertias H.M.G. Policy.
States that they have found themselves in some difficulty during past week or so through lack of precise information re H.M.G. intentions re Polertias. Also to be kept informed of events and requests background material on subject

Last Paper.

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References.

(Minutes.)

Dfs. submitted 9 assume Hansard goes to New York. H. Bentley 1/3

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UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS
EMPIRE STATE BUILDING
NEW YORK 1. N. Y.

27 FEB

TELEPHONE:
LONGACRE 5-2070

(N^o 52/7/47)

21st February, 1947.

Dear Department,

We have found ourselves in some difficulty during the past week or so through lack of precise information about your intentions regarding Palestine. We first learned of Mr. Bevin's declaration to the Arabs on 14th February by reading it in the local press. Moreover, although it is now the 21st February, we are still without the official text of the Foreign Secretary's important declaration on policy in Parliament on the 18th, and of the discussion which followed.

2. You will readily realise how much interest these declarations have aroused in United Nations circles, in the American press, and in New York with its high-pressure "lobbying" and large Jewish population.

3. From the public relations point of view it is naturally easier to guide opinion with adequate information at the time when such announcements are first made, and in the interests of our political work it is also important that we should receive as much advance briefing as possible.

4. We shall probably be sending a telegram in the next day or two drawing attention to certain specific points on which we should like to be briefed in connexion with Palestine. The purpose of this letter (of which we are sending a copy to United Nations Department) is partly to remind you of our desire to be kept abreast of day-to-day developments, and partly to say that we should be glad to receive any background material which you may be preparing to supplement our very scanty archives (and memories) on the back-history of this formidable subject.

Yours ever,

DELEGATION.

Eastern Department,
Foreign Office, S.W.1.

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*Draft. Letter to
U.K. Delegation
to U.N.*

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0/10/47*

Dear Delegation,

*Thank you for your letter no
52/7/47 of February 21st, drawing
our attention to the fact that you
were not being adequately informed
on developments in connection with
Palestine.*

*We are very sorry that the
arrangements for circulating information
on this subject were not adjusted
quickly enough to meet your needs
after it was decided to refer Palestine
to the United Nations. This has now
been remedied and you will receive
at least the same service that
Washington has received hitherto.*

*We are ~~the~~ preparing to brief
you*

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you on the points mentioned in
your telegram no. 609. You will
also, of course, receive all the
material we prepare for the
United Nations. ~~at the earliest~~
~~possible stage in its preparations.~~

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(at the earliest
possible stage)

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

6th March, 1947.

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Dear Delegation,

Thank you for your letter No. 52/7/47 of 21st February, drawing our attention to the fact that you were not being adequately informed on developments in connexion with Palestine.

We are very sorry that the arrangements for circulating information on this subject were not adjusted quickly enough to meet your needs after it was decided to refer Palestine to the United Nations. This has now been remedied, and you will receive at least the same service that Washington has received hitherto.

We are preparing to brief you on the points mentioned in your telegram No. 309. You will also, of course, receive at the earliest possible stage all the material we prepare for the United Nations.

Yours ever,

Eastern Department.

United Kingdom Delegation to the United Nations,
New York

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U.K. Delegation
to UN

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Dated

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172/5/47
26 Feb 1947
5 Mar 1947

11/21/47 Palestine Policy.
States that they have received one copy of new white paper on "Proposals for the future of Palestine" (cond 7044). and have to Economic and Social Action of delegation. Note that in future documents be addressed to delegation as a whole, and that a copy be sent to private seat of paper number.

Last Paper.

1775

(Minutes.)

References.

(Print.)

U.N. Dept.

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5 copies of Cond 7044 (ref.)
E Dept. Camps to U.K. Del., New York.
April 2

It appears that some of the pp. on this subject entered E and others UN. I think it would be useful if we could see the complete file and make sure that we are now meeting all the Delegation's requests.

H.B. Culy
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Given please send 5 copies of Cond. 7044 to U.K. Delegation, New York.

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U.K. A.I.

No.

United States

Dated

12/31/47

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52/37/47
1. Mar 1947
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Patents, Latin American Vote
Refer Hadow letter to Lawford of Feb 28
States we do not know exactly what
British case is regarding patents in regard to
it is difficult to say how we should work
Latin American delegates to vote at challenge
Assume we are the less likely to be
welcomed & rejection of any Latin American
delegates would be a serious step in
direction

Last Paper.

1920

(Minutes.)

References.

E 2081/46/31

2079/1498/21

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We have very little guidance to give.
But I suggest that we might send to all
states which have not yet received them:

(Print.)

(1) The latest White Paper on Patents
Cmd 7044?

(How disposed of.)

Draft letter to all
Latin American
Ambassadors.

(over)
April 12
Copy to Hadow
W. J. A.
Lawford
New York U.N. Dept.
April 15

(2) The Secretary of State's statement in
the House of Commons, 18 February 1947.

(3) The Secretary of State's speech, 25
February 1947.

(Action completed.)

G. C. M. 9/1

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I now submit a draft. See also E 2319.

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3 American Dept

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Draft brought up to date

H.B. Bailey 28/3

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- Santiago 037
- Lima 038
- Quito -
- Rio de Janeiro 039
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UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS
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TELEPHONE:
LONGACRE 5-2070

(No 52/37/47)

7th March, 1947.

My dear Paul, 13/3/47

You will have seen a copy of Hadow's letter to me of February 28th about the Latin-American States and Palestine.

As we here do not know exactly what the British case as regards Palestine is going to be, it is difficult for us to say how we should wish the Latin-American delegates to vote at the Assembly. None the less, we presume that H.M.G. would not welcome a situation where the Latin-American delegates voted in favour of increased Jewish immigration into Palestine out of fear lest they should be forced otherwise to receive the Jews in question in South America - which is what Hadow foresees.

In any event, the sooner our case, whatever it may be, is explained to us and to all of H.M. representatives abroad, the better. At least that is how it strikes us here. I realise that this is perhaps rather outside your province; but as Hadow sent you a copy of his letter to me I am writing to you, in the hope that it may be possible for you to see that the considerations mentioned in Hadow's letter are given due weight in the Department.

V.G. Lawford
Nicholas
(V.G. Lawford).

P.H. Gore-Booth, Esq.,
United Nations Department,
Foreign Office,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.1.

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posts
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Copies to:

Mr. Hadow,
Washington.
Mr. Lawford,
New York.

United Nations Dept
S. American Dept

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OUT FILE FOREIGN OFFICE,

12. March, 1947.

Dear Blancery,
~~Dear Chairman,~~

As you are aware, His Majesty's Government have decided to refer the problem of Palestine to the United Nations. ~~At the time of writing, Sir A. Cadogan has not actually presented to the Secretary-General our request that Palestine should be placed on the agenda of the General Assembly at its regular annual session in September. At the same time he will be in a position to ask the Secretary-General to go so shortly. The delay has been due to such the approval of the member States for a special session of the Assembly at an early date. We desire to initiate preparatory work by the United Nations in advance of the regular annual session of the General Assembly next September. We think it essential, if the General Assembly are to reach a decision upon their recommendations at the next regular session, that the United Nations Committee should previously prepare the subject for their consideration. The question now at issue in New York is whether this Committee should be appointed by the Secretary-General or by a special session of the Assembly convened for the purpose of appointing it. So long as the Committee is, in fact, created, it is a matter of indifference to us which method is chosen.~~

2. You may be consulted in connexion with the placing of Palestine on the agenda of the General Assembly, or even asked how H.M. Government would wish the delegates to cast their votes. H.M. Government are not themselves submitting recommendations on Palestine /

such a preparatory committee is

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Palestine, and we are, therefore, not in a position to predict in what form the issue will be presented to the Assembly. If the discussion were to turn on a straightforward pro-Arab resolution or on an equally simple pro-Zionist resolution, we probably should not wish to influence the voting in any way. It is, of course, possible that the issues will be presented in a more complicated form, and that the United Kingdom Delegation may feel obliged to support or oppose a particular resolution, but the precise character of this possibility is quite unforeseeable, and it can only be dealt with in the light of the circumstances at the time.

3. Although H.M. Government do not wish to use their influence in any attempt to guide the voting of the Assembly in advance, ~~we are~~ ^{we are} somewhat concerned at the effect which Arab propaganda, and more especially Zionist propaganda, might have upon the attitude of delegates. ~~I~~ ^I think it probable that the Latin American Governments, on account of the decisive part which they are able to play in the General Assembly, will be exposed to vigorous lobbying from both sides, in the course of which they may be persuaded to believe a number of untruths or half-truths. ~~I~~ ^I hope, therefore, that you will take such opportunity as presents itself to correct misrepresentations on this subject which are brought to your attention.

4. You will already have received copies of

(i) the most recent White Paper on Palestine (Cmd. 7044), which contains the British proposals which were

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*both
damaging to His
Majesty's government
and to the stability
of the Moslem
deliberations.*

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*will be sent to
you as soon as
possible.*

[Handwritten signature]

An additional copy of each is enclosed in this letter.

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- (ii) the Secretary of State's statement to the House of Commons on the 18th February (E 1554/2/31), and
 - (iii) the Secretary of State's speech opening the debate on Palestine of the 25th February (E 1728/46/31).

These documents should provide you with sufficient background for dealing with any enquiries you may receive.

5. ~~Letter~~ This letter is being sent to all Latin American posts, and copied to New York and Washington.

[Handwritten signature]

Yours ever,
Eastern Department.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, C. 1.

(C. 2245/1775/31).

12th April, 1947.

SECRET

Dear Chancery,

As you are aware, His Majesty's Government have decided to refer the problem of Palestine to the United Nations. On the 2nd April, Sir Alexander Cadogan presented to the Secretary-General our request that Palestine should be placed on the agenda of the General Assembly at its regular annual session in September. At the same time he asked the Secretary-General to seek the approval of the member states for a special session of the Assembly at an early date, for the purpose of constituting and instructing a Committee which would prepare the subject for the Assembly's consideration in September. We think such a preparatory Committee is essential, if the General Assembly are to reach a decision upon their recommendations at the next regular session.

2. You may be consulted in connexion with the placing of Palestine on the agenda of the General Assembly, or even asked how His Majesty's Government would wish the delegates to cast their votes. His Majesty's Government are not themselves submitting recommendations on Palestine, and we are, therefore, not in a position to predict in what form the issue will be presented to the Assembly. If the discussion were to turn on a straightforward pro- or anti-resolution or on an equally simple pro-Zionist resolution, we probably should not wish to influence the voting in any way. It is of course possible that the issues will be presented in a more complicated form, and that the United Kingdom delegation may feel obliged to support or oppose a particular resolution, but the precise character of this possibility is quite unforeseeable, and it can only be dealt with in the light of the circumstances at the time.

3. Although His Majesty's Government do not wish to use their influence in any attempt to guide the voting of the Assembly in advance, we are somewhat concerned at the effect which anti-propaganda, and more especially Zionist propaganda, might have upon the attitude of delegates. We think it probable that the Latin American Governments, on account of the decisive part which they are able to play in the General Assembly will be exposed to vigorous lobbying from both sides, in the course of which they may be persuaded to believe a number of untruths or half-truths damaging both to His Majesty's Government and to the objectivity of the Assembly's deliberations. We hope, therefore, that you will take such opportunities as presents itself to correct misrepresentations on this subject which are brought to your attention.

The Chancery,
British Embassy,

Buenos Aires
Montevideo
Santiago
Lima
Rio de Janeiro
Caracas
Bogota

The Chancery,
British Legation,

Quito
Asuncion
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4. You will already have received copies of -

- (i) the most recent White Paper on Palestine (C.O. 7014) which contains the British proposals which were recently presented to Arab and Jewish representatives in London.
- (ii) the Secretary of State's statement to the House of Commons on the 18th February (S. 1934/2/31) and
- (iii) the Secretary of State's speech opening the debate on Palestine on the 24th February (S. 1728/45/31)

An additional copy of each will be sent to you as soon as possible. These documents should provide you with sufficient background for dealing with any enquiries you may receive.

5. This letter is being sent to all Latin American posts, and copied to New York and Washington.

Yours sincerely,

ANTHONY EDEN, M.P.

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TELEGRAM FROM

No.

Lord Sargent

Dated

Washington

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Poland, (Latin American Vote)

United Press report, quote Latin American diplomats there as declaring that Latin American vote would hold balance of power at forthcoming Assembly. Two thirds majority being required for important decisions. Latin America would contribute 20 unbound votes and would then increase its own prestige by making important contributions to future of U.N. gives comments.

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

This was already been suggested in a telegram to Sir A. Hodgson. It is now for him to take action, I think.

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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Lord Inverchapel.

No. 2281

D. 6.40 p.m. 16th April, 1947

16th April, 1947.

R. 2.20 a.m. 17th April, 1947

Repeated Saving to United Kingdom Delegation New York

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IMPORTANT

United Press report from Lake Success quotes Latin-American diplomatists there as declaring that Latin-American bloc would hold the balance of power at forthcoming Assembly on Palestine; two-thirds majority being required for important decisions. Latin-America would contribute 20 unbiassed votes and would thus increase its own prestige by making an important contribution to the future of the United Nations.

2. As this report may well reflect the attitude of the Latin-American bloc at the Assembly it occurs to me that you and Sir A. Cadogan might find Hadow useful in establishing and maintaining early contact with the Latin-American delegations; with the idea of ascertaining their ideas rather than endeavouring in any way to influence them.

3. If you and Sir A. Cadogan agree I could spare Hadow as soon as he may be required.

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FROM

Chancery

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Baracas

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Produced Latin American Vote.
Refer FO letter (E 2245/1775/31) of April 12.
Data with U.S. Agency Report receive
good publicity there has been very little original
comment. However attitude of Venezuelan
representatives.

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(Ref.222.2.47)

British Embassy,
CARACAS.
6th May, 1947.

E 4612
20 MAY

Dear Department,

Your letter E 2245/1775/31 of April 12th. While the United States' Agency Reports on Palestine receive good publicity in the Press there has been very little original comment.

For economic reasons the general feeling here is anti-Jewish. As regards the attitude of the Venezuelan representative we think that unless he has explicit instructions and if the voting is secret it is quite likely he will vote against the United States and in favour of any motion by another responsible Latin American delegate, such as the Argentine. We are ready to correct any misapprehensions which may come to our notice and also to do some lobbying for His Majesty's Government if and when you come to a decision.

A copy of this letter has been sent to His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington and to the Permanent United Kingdom Representative to the United Nations, New York.

Yours ever,

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Eastern Department,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

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